

Hongkong Telegraph

No. 3612.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000
HEAD OFFICE.—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
H. Spierfort, Esq. Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.
Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.
BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland, Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [8]
THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £2,500,000
BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.
BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.
AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.
RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [187]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st December next, will be taken in the following Hotels, "THE VICTORIA HOTEL," "THE PEAK HOTEL," "THE KOWLOON HOTEL," DORAJEE NOWROJEE, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1893. [1162]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

ON and after the 1st December next, will be accepted or credit given in the above Hotel.
By Order of the Board,
R. TUCKER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th October, 1893. [1136]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,

(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)
THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the UPRATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be at-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later if he gives. He is also prepared to TREAT MEN to PRIVATE PARTIES, MEALS or ORDERS—the Parties residing in, and on the same—Cash, Scale on application.
Monthly Board for One Person, £35.00
10th £15.00
15th £15.00
20th £15.00
25th £15.00
30th £15.00
AFRICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every style.
Brilliant £2.50
Dinner £2.75
Lunch £2.00
SPECIAL TIPPINGS and DINNERS served in the best style at short notice.
W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [1328]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

MONTHLY BOARD AND RESIDENCE, £35.00
Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
Nos. 2 & 3, Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [1290]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

ONE REGION PI Always on hand.
L. MALCOLM,
Manager.
Hongkong, 24th [1291]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c)—It supplies an excellent investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.
2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.
Full particulars on application, DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.
THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.
S. J. DAVID & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 \$333,333.33
EQUAL TO \$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.
MANAGER—HO AMEL.
MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST
Hongkong, 17th December, 1884. [974]

Intimations.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND GLASGOW,
13, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1893. [930]

J. W. KEW & CO.'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.
PURE FRESH WATER.
THE attention of SHIPPOWERS, AGENTS and CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of TITMAY FILTERED WATER offered by J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages derived from their being able to supply their Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.
No impeding the loading or discharging of Cargo.
Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.
J. W. KEW & Co.,
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1893. [1284]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG.
SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMAN'S RAHTIEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION
HARTMAN'S GREY PAINT.
DANIEL'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES, &c.
EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.
AT
K. S. SONA'S PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1893. [179]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY.....PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.
FOOLSCAP SIZE, THREE DAYS TO A PAGE, INTER-LEAVED WITH BLOTTING PAPER.
THE IMPERIAL ENGLISH AND CHINESE DIARY FOR 1894,
with the Dates in ENGLISH and CHINESE, and Special localised information.
THE ALSO IMPERIAL ENGLISH AND CHINESE DATE-BLOCK, Printed in RED and BLACK, with space for Memoranda.
PRICE.....75 CENTS.
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. PUBLISHERS. [7]

CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.
ARE now showing a very Fine Selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES, CALLARD and BOWSER'S BUTTER-SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large Selection of PHOTO FRAMES.
CANADIAN PRODUCE:
McLAREN'S GLASS JAR CHEESE:
SALTED SALMON 20 cents per lb.
SALMON BELLIES 25 cents per lb.
SALMON STEAKS (1lb. tin) 40 cents per tin.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [152]

W. BREWER.

XMAS CARDS for HOME MAILS of 9th, 15th and 23rd.—
NATIVE HAND-PAINTED ON RICE PAPER.
NATIVE HAND-PAINTED MOUNTED, with PIDGIN ENGLISH POETRY.
JAPANESE HAND-PAINTED CARDS.
VIEWS of HONGKONG MOUNTED for XMAS CARDS.
LETTS' DIARIES for 1894.
THE ANGLO-CHINESE DATE BLOCKS 1894.
COLLINS' CALENDAR PAD and DIARY for 1894.
NEW SUPPLY LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S TENNIS SHOES, TENNIS RATS, BALLS, POLES and NETS.
W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1893. [659]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
ALLISTON & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS,
Hongkong and the Far East,
88, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 11th November, 1893. [1293]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
DRESS SHIRTS, COLLARS and HANDKERCHIEFS.
DANCING PUMPS and EVENING SHOES.
CAMBRIC TIES and BOWS, DINNER TIES.
GLOVES.
The Latest Styles in SILK SOCKS for Evening Wear.
GENTLEMEN'S WINTER UNDERCLOTHING.
NEW SCARVES and CRAVATS.
BOOTS AND SHOES.
WINTER SUITINGS.
CLOTHING and OUTFITTING.
JANE CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1893. [1217]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.
THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1894.
An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.
N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI"

F. E. REILLY, PROPRIETOR.

W. POWELL & CO.,
LARGE SHIPMENT OF NEW GOODS.
EX S.S. "JAPAN."
Latest designs in
BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS.
STAIR CARPETS.
SHIPS' RUNNERS.
SHIPS' UPHOLSTERY & Speciality.
W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [1214]

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1892.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS OF PREMIA for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of PROFIT for that year to be PAID as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th instant will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.
By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [1181]

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ, are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1129]

GRIFFITH'S NEW YEAR CARDS.
WITH PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING CHINESE LIFE and VIEWS of HONGKONG and the OUT-PORTS. Suitable Souvenirs for posting Home.
Can be had at the Studio
2, Ice House Road and Duddell Street, or from any Booksellers.
Hongkong, 9th November, 1893. [1222]

WANTED.
BY A YOUNG ENGLISH LADY, a Situation to take Charge of CHILDREN, or to act as COMPANION to a Lady proceeding to Europe.
Apply to
BETA,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Singapore, 15th November, 1893. [1290]

WANTED.
A QUALIFIED ENGLISH CHEMIST seeks a Situation as DISPENSER and GENERAL ASSISTANT, or a CLERKSHIP in Mercantile House. Thorough knowledge of BOOK-KEEPING, &c.
Apply to
CATHAY,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [1297]

WANTED.
A ROTARY PRINTING PRESS. Size about 36 by 41 inches, or a trifle larger. Must be in working order.
Apply, stating terms, &c. to
G. W.,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [1014]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,
COAL CONTRACTOR,
COMPRADORE and STEVEDORE.
SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.
WATER and BALLAST BOATS.
Manila, 14th March, 1894. [1358]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
Steamship "TROCAS."
Steamship "SPONDILUS."
Steamship "ELAX."
Steamship "VOLUTE."
Steamship "MUREX."
Steamship "TURBO."
Steamship "CONCH."
Steamship "CLAM."
Steamship "BULLMOUTH."
(Taking Cargo on through Bill of Lading to NEW YORK.)
THE Next Sailings will be:—
FOR HAVRE AND LONDON,
S.S. "CLAM,"
via Singapore on or about 30th November.
FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON,
S.S. "VOLUTE,"
via Singapore on or about 3rd December.
For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

N.B.—The Steamers of this Line will be despatched monthly from Hongkong, and offer exceptional advantages to Shippers of perishable cargo, owing to an improved method of ventilation. Copies of reports on out-turn of cargoes may be had on application to the Agents.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1277]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).
THE Steamship
"TOYO MARU."
J. G. Edwards, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 1st Dec., at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1257]

"MILBURN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"HANKOW,"
Captain West, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 6th December.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1297]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Company's Steamship
"HAILOONG,"
Captain Rosch, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at Day-light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1291]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE Steamship
"RADNORSHIRE,"
Captain Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 30th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [1113]

"GIBB" LINE OF CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Taking through Cargo for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c., &c.)
THE Steamship
"TARTAR,"
Captain Bailey, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Managers.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1893. [1259]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship
"AFGHAN,"
Captain ———, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 1st December.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [1277]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.
STEAM TO CALCUTTA, VIA SINGAPORE, AND PENANG.
THE Company's Steamship
"THISBE,"
Captain G. Corvach, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 2nd December, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
C. ZANELLA, Agent.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1893. [1270]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"BENLID,"
Captain Farquhar, will be despatched as above on or about 2nd December.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1893. [1258]

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "GLAMORGANSHIRE,"
FROM NEW YORK.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon on MONDAY, the 27th instant.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th December, will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 4th December, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th December, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 15th November, 1893. [1251]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "FLINTSHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 29th instant, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [1251]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times:—

CHOCOLATE CREMES.
PATÉS D'APRICOT.
CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.
FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.
SUGARED ALMONDS.
BURNT ALMONDS.
MIXED SWEETS.
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.
In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.
CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.



WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

OF

CONFECTIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER
SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,
DRAGEES, PRALINES,
and a large selection
of
PURE CONFECTIONERY
from the leading Manufacturers.CADBURY'S SPECIAL
CHOCOLATE CREMES.PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,
and other
FRUIT JELLIES
in great variety.TOM SMITH'S
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.COLOURED OPALS
MOUNTED IN PLUSH,
representing favourite subjects.A Large Assortment of
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS
CARDS,
of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all
tastes and at moderate prices.A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [3]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

MARRIAGE.

On the 23rd November, at the British Consulate, Shanghai, and afterwards at the Cathedral, by the Rev. Dr. Brier, Robert GRANT, FRANK PARSONS, to KATHERINE MERRILL, eldest daughter of A. G. Merrill, of Shanghai.

BIRTH.

At Chichow, North-China, on 24th Nov., the wife of Mr. STEWART S. McFARLANE, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH POLITICS.

LONDON, November 26th.
The French Ministry has resigned.

MR. GLADSTONE.

Mr. Gladstone is suffering from rheumatism and has been ordered to Brighton for a short rest.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.

In the House of Lords The Employers' Liability Bill has been read for the first time.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

Negotiations between Spain and Morocco have failed. Marshal Martinez Campos proceeds forthwith to Melilla to assume command and direct the operations. He will form two Army Corps, each ten thousand strong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Archer was at Foochow when the Haitian, in to-day from coast ports, left that port on the 24th inst.

A FIRE destroyed thirty houses in North Loos, to the East of the North Shore Road, Shanghai, during the morning of the 24th inst.

GOVERNOR DE BORJA arrived here from Japan in the *Goette* at 4.30 this afternoon; his flag being saluted by the *Diu* at the state "White Star" liner glided through the waters of the harbour.In struggling up the China Sea in the teeth of the monsoon, the E. & A. Company's steamship *Alvira*, Capt. Ellis, was repeatedly swept by heavy seas, which killed or carried away 14 of the cattle which were being brought as deck cargo for the Dairy Farm Company.

At the Magistrate's to-day, Mr. Hastings concluded the inquiry into the fire at 314, Queen's Road Central, and found a verdict of arson, a neighbour positively testifying that he had seen Lai Kit, one of the accountants and partners, setting fire to a pile of paper soaked in kerosene. An order to prosecute Kit and the acting manager was accordingly issued. Of course, all the principals were in Canton at the time.

When the Japanese steamer *Mitsui Maru*, which arrived at Yokohama last Wednesday, left Honolulu, the Australian liner *Mowara* was still ashore, \$8000 having been expended in unsuccessful efforts to get her off. Captain T. Metcalfe, Lloyd's Agent in San Francisco, well known in this colony for many years as commander of the O. & O. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, had just arrived with divers and all necessary gear, intending to make one last supreme effort to save the vessel.

The N. C. Daily News says that at the investigation held by the Shanghai magistrate on Wednesday night, the 22nd inst., in the native city, as to the origin of the recent big fire at the Yantsepo Cotton Cloth Mills, all the witnesses denied any knowledge as to how the fire began, stating that the first thing known was the issuing of flames from under the flooring of the clearing mill. It also appeared in evidence that the remaining buildings, machinery and debris at the mill grounds have been valued at Tls. 100,000. The manager's horse and carriage were valued at Tls. 1,000.

The Tokyo correspondent of the *Osaka Asahi* hears that the Japanese Government has almost decided not to proceed with the proposed appeal to the Privy Council against the Shanghai Court's judgment in the *Ravenna-Chishima* case, but will address a diplomatic note to the British Government asserting that the Island S-4 is a part of the territorial waters of Japan. The correspondent adds that the Government is still undecided in regard to its future action in the matter of the claim against the Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Co.The *Severn* and *Peace* left at daylight this morning for Bangkok. That is all that is known as to the supposed revival of Franco-Siamese troubles. Reuter has not condescended to say anything, though he mentions that the French Ministry has resigned—he does not say why—and that a new governor has been appointed for the Isle of Man. Rumour has it that the military authorities had received telegraphic instructions to be ready for contingencies; but that is absolutely without foundation. There is nothing whatever to report except the sudden and mysterious despatch of the warships. When the steamship *Deiwinong* left Bangkok on the 19th inst. the only war ships in that port were the British gunboat *Limn* and the French gunboat *Asp*.

COLONEL DREW, United States Minister to China, writes from Peking to our Shanghai morning contemporary under date November 15th:—"I beg leave to add my sympathy to the general expression of sorrow that the death of Mr. John Macgregor has evoked in China. I knew him well. On my visits to Shanghai I often enjoyed his elegant hospitality. I had frequent conferences with him on public matters. He was prudent, intelligent, firm and painstaking, and the discussion of a matter of public interest with him was a great pleasure. He was broad-minded, courteous gentleman. Shanghai will long mourn for him as a leader in all her public movements, but his memory will be most and longest cherished by those who enjoyed the happiness of his friendship."

PETER Mackintosh, who was a member of the local Police Force in 1891, having signed an agreement to serve five years from the 9th November 1886 took "French leave" from the "Force" on the 23rd of February 1891 and was never again seen in the colony until yesterday when in the Central Police Station, while visiting some friends, he was arrested by virtue of a warrant charging him with desertion. Formal evidence of the desertion having been led in the Police Court this morning, Mr. Wodehouse, at the request of Inspector Hanson, who prosecuted, remanded the case until the 30th inst., in order that the Government might be informed; allowing the prisoner (who admitted the offence and said he was drunk at the time) out on bail in two sureties of \$10 each, which were promptly forthcoming. Mackintosh arrived here yesterday in the *Alvira*, from Shanghai, where he has been in the N.S.W. Army, and was now on his way to Shanghai.THE Baron de Ladorio, Brazilian Minister to China, is in Hongkong at present, having come by French mail from Shanghai with the Baroness de Ladorio. It is believed that his mission in Hongkong is connected with the question of Chinese emigration to Brazil, and that the coincidence of his arrival with Governor de Borja's return to Macao (by the *Goette* to-day) is not merely accidental. It is a pity that Sir Benavides is just now in Japan—possibly "trying it on" there—but, all the same, nothing can ever come of this coolie traffic as conducted on the unsavoury models of the past; if the worthy Baron wishes to do anything, he will have to work very hard and remove the bad impressions left by the *Tataris* a few months ago, the *Amigo* in 1890, and the slave-traders of former years. His Excellency the Minister for Brazil courteously but resolutely turned a deaf ear to the insinuations of the *Telegraph* interviewer, and refused the faintest suggestion of a statement, with a diplomacy which looks as if he had a lot to conceal.

THE Osaka Mint coined 25,500 gold pieces of five yen each and 1,500,000 silver yen last month.

An epidemic strongly resembling cholera has broken out among the natives in Tonkin, and is attributed to the unsatisfactory water supply.

DIPHTHERIA is reported to be assuming somewhat serious dimensions in Shanghai. There are two or three cases in Hongkong just now.

THE British ship *Asia*, from New York to Shanghai, was at the East Saddle with her rudder damaged on the 25th inst. The tug *Fukui* went out to tow her into port.CAPTAIN DA BORJA, Governor of Macao, who was a passenger from Yokohama by the O. & O. Co.'s steamer *Goette*, has left Portuguese affairs in Tokyo in the hands of the Italian Minister.

RINDERPEST is playing havoc with cattle in several of the Japanese provinces, the deaths reported running into thousands. The Government is taking energetic measures to stamp out the disease.

It is stated from Peking that the birthday celebrations of the Empress Dowager on the 17th inst. cost the Imperial Treasury 450,000. And yet starvation is rampant in many of the provinces of the Empire.

THE C. N. Co.'s steamship *Sunghang*, Capt. Dodd, which left Manila on the 23rd inst. for Hongkong direct, met with such heavy weather that she was obliged to stop at the Chinese coast where she was some 40 miles south of Macao.His Excellency the Governor and Lady Robinson returned from their trip up the Yangtze by the French mail steamer *Californien* last night. Baron Ladorio, Minister for Brazil, and the Baroness Ladorio, were passengers by the same steamer.

It is reported that in consequence of the loss sustained by the small sales of Japanese exhibits at Chicago, the Japanese Government will probably make a grant relieving exhibitors of the freight and packing charges necessary to bring the goods back to Japan.

A TELEGRAM to the Japanese paper *Asahi* says that on Wednesday morning the 19th inst., about 11 o'clock, a steamer coming into Matsuyama, in Idzumi province, from Shikoku, struck on a rock and immediately sank. Out of sixty passengers on board, thirty are reported to have been drowned.Thus the *Star Free Press* of November 17th:—"The invitations for the St. Andrew's Ball were received in Bangkok yesterday. We notice that our good friends the chivalrous Scots have followed the example set by the gallant Danes in ignoring a well-known resident and slighting his wife. This is a glorious victory and redounds to the great credit of both parties."THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—
Overture "La Chaux-de-Fonds" (Kaufmann).
"Top of the Morning" (Williams).
"The Merry Widow" (Strauss).
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A KORE paper states that the Japanese consuls in London and Shanghai, Messrs. Okoshi and Hayashi, have been ordered to change places. The consul from Genoa goes to Hongkong, and the consul in Hongkong is going to Lyons. The consular-general in London has been reduced to an ordinary consulate, and the consulate in Mexico promoted to the dignity of a consular-general.

A TELEGRAM from Tientsin received in Shanghai on the 24th inst. states that one of the first ships *Sheng Tsai* will do on arrival at Shanghai is to get the different hongs belonging to the Yangtze or Foreign Manufacturers (cotton, cloth, etc.) Guild to subscribe according to their means—some say twenty per cent. of the capital—in the new Cotton Cloth Mills that are to be erected at Yangtsipo. *Sheng* left Tientsin for the South on the 23rd inst.THE *Kobe Chronicle* reports that an execution took place at the Hokkaido Prison, Oshima, on the 4th inst. Mr. Kakihara, the public prosecutor, Secretary Masuda, and Mr. Mayeda, Superintendent of the prison, were present. The condemned man seems to have been very calm. He asked for ten *manju* (common cakes containing sugar), and his wish being very graciously attended to, he died with much courage, immediately afterwards mounting the scaffold and meeting his doom with great indifference.

OUR special statistician has ascertained that during the past two years Wong Tsoi Hi has been mixed up in about fifty lawsuits involving less than \$1,000 each, and has occupied the Court of Summary Jurisdiction 250 working days, averaging 3 hours each, in round numbers; also in nearly a score of suits over \$10,000, occupying the Court of Original Jurisdiction about 100 days of an hour and ten minutes each, at least; and some half-dozen appeal cases, most of which were still-born, smothered in "Chambers," so that statistics are not available. It is computed that if all the writs, affidavits, petitions, answers, amendments, depositions, notices, and other documents filed in all these cases could be laid out flat in a straight line, they would go three times round the earth and a sixteen miles three inches and a bit over; while the type and seals therewith annexed would be sufficient, when decently covered with printers' ink, to provide five newspapers for everybody that asked; while the amount of ink used on these Wong Tsoi Hi documents, without counting press-copies, is enough to draw all the Hongkong lawyers, if properly dealt with. As for the amount of time that has been expended, we can only get at the public part of the proceedings, but a moderate estimate (including all the different judges, court officers, lawyers, clerks, and—most valuable of all—reporters) places the net aggregate at seven years hard, without the option. The amount of gas let off during this period would fill a balloon nine miles in diameter; and the amount of shoddy stuff in all the cases would suffice to build the balloon itself, while the amount of sense expended would not make a pin-hole in it to burst it. The money spent by Wong Tsoi Hi, if put into depreciated two-and-forgotten-a-very-dollar, would make a solid mountain as big as Victoria Peak; or, if piled up skyward one by one, would make a solid bar ten times the height of a Hongkong lawyer's impudence; or, if shared out equally, would give to each a fortune such as his merits never could give him. The amount of satisfaction Wong has got out of it all he could put in his eye and not know it was there.

SNOW commenced to fall at Peking on the 21st inst.

A TELEGRAM from Kishiwada to an Osaka Journal, dated the 18th inst., states that six vessels of Japanese build were wrecked in the neighbourhood the previous night.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alliance Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donation to the funds of the Hospital:—Right Rev. Bishop Burton, D.D. \$500

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Shawan & Co.) that the "Union" Line steamer *Elitopa*, from Melbourne, Hamburg, &c., left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due on or about the 4th proximo.

TONKIN is at present being favoured with the exhibitions of a gentleman named Abadie, who claims to have been an animal-tamer in Charli's immortal show, and has now four bears, one tiger-cub, one pup, and a photographic panorama.

THE *Kobe Herald* of November 15th has the following:—Telegrams from Tokyo to various papers state that reports of an uneasy state of things in Hawaii reached the Foreign Office, Tokyo, on the night of the 13th inst. The Navy Department has decided to despatch war vessels for the protection of the Japanese residents there. At 9 a.m. on the 14th inst., His Majesty's squadron having been obtained, Vice-Admiral Nakamura, Chief of the Naval Command Office, despatched instructions to the *Naniwa*, Kan, then off Shingawa, to make preparations for a voyage to Honolulu at once. The vessel left for Yokosuka, and was expected to sail early this morning. There are two different reports regarding the cause of this renewed excitement. One has it that the United States Government has decided to refuse the proposal to annex the islands, while according to another report the United States has announced that the desire of the Hawaiian people must first be more clearly shown as to the annexation movement. It is added that a popular vote is to be taken as to the islands being placed under the protection of the United States, or under an independent republican government. Some American war vessels are reported to have been despatched to the group during the last few days.THE captain of the French steamer *Hanoi*, on his last trip from Hongkong to Haiphong, reported that the Chinese cruiser *Kwangchow* (which did such good service when the *Edendale* was ashore near Cape Kami recently) was in Haiphong, and that he had seen her taking on board a first-class mandarin who had just been engaged constructing fortifications at Hoihow and was going on a similar errand to Pakhoi. The *Hanoi* had to anchor at the entrance of Hanoi Straits and wait for daylight. In this connection, a Tonkin contemporary states that the Chinese Government (meaning probably the I.M. Customs Administration) has already commenced and is energetically forwarding the work of erecting a light of the second order at Cape Kami, another at Lam-hoa (north coast of "Alain Island") and a harbour light at Hoihow. This will be a valuable improvement, enabling vessels to enter the water and of the straits and make Hoihow at night; and will Kami and Hoihow. To further facilitate navigation in these waters, Messrs. Marty and d'Abadie propose to erect a fine harbour light on the bulk *Banjo*, which they firm, the Tonkin Steam Navigation Co., purchased recently in Hongkong as a coal and cargo depot for Hoihow. The *Banjo* will be remodeled, came to grief in the last typhoon, as reported in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, and on reaching Hongkong was sold as a bulk. It may be noted, *en passant*, that Messrs. Marty and d'Abadie's two new steamers, *Hanoi* and *Hongkong*, have lately been making their trips to Tonkin with nothing but their water-ballast—a fact which, while it speaks well for the ships in such heavy monsoon weather, reflects also very badly on the trade in which they are engaged.MESSRS. WHITELOCK & Co's Shanghai *Freight Market Report* of November 24th says:—"We have been celebrating our jubilee and have celebrated it successfully too, and never in the annals of Shanghai have we seen such a mass of natives as came to join us on this auspicious occasion. No wonder, then, that for the few days, rejoining business was entirely stopped, and was resumed again only to find a very decided drop in rates of freight all over the coast. Just on closing our last issue there was a frantic rush for tonnage which subsided on Monday, and we now close with no enquiry whatever. The prices of produce in the north, as usual at this time of year, range higher, but it is a long time since we have experienced such an enormous jump as has taken place, practically tolerating with all chattering, and we are credibly informed that a good many steamers may have to leave New-chang in ballast. So much for "falling on the spot at the last," but it is to be trusted that Choochow may come to the front and provide cargo for them all. When the cargo is all in, it will still open, and a fair demand exists at fairly good rates, but as yet none but the regular liners have taken advantage of this. Nagasaki to Shanghai is still neglected, though tonnage will no doubt be procurable later, but we fear much lower rates will have to be accepted. For London via Suez.—At present we have abundant tonnage for this direction and shippers are apparently equally dividing their favor, as which vessel is to be preferred. 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wealthy smokers, a bare two-tenths being consumed locally. *Shanai* and *Honan* no longer demand any supply at all. On the other hand, the report says, the *Yunnan* poppy cultivation becomes greater year by year, and the poppy blooms as well on the banks of the *Yunnan* River. Native opium is never observed passing the inland tax stations in *Chihli*, and of the total consumption of it only two-tenths come from outside provinces, *Honan* and *Shanai*. Thus, the people of *Chihli* not only produce much opium, but consume it at their own doors, and will continue to do so most probably to an increasing extent, unless Indian opium falls in price, since even the wealthy people who now consume the latter hold back so soon as prices rise, as they have done of late.

"Chien reports native opium to be forcing foreign opium out of consumption with triple energy—by its abundance, by its cheapness, and by its acceptability—so that, grown everywhere west of *Ching-chow*, and cooling in the prepared state one-half of prepared foreign opium, its universal and exclusive use, unless conditions change in the *Shantung* province, seems already an assured result; and yet 10 years ago this province consumed 3,536 piculs of foreign opium, from which the national exchequer derived substantial benefit.

Relative to the question of the tendency of Indian opium to decline, because, old smokers dying off, the younger generation of smokers, accustomed to native opium, do not take to Indian opium, Mr. McKean stated—

"This phase of the decline is touched on indirectly in the *Newchwang* report, in which it is stated that the Indian article is imported solely to satisfy the demand of southern residents; the well-to-do *Newchwang* smokers do not want the Indian article. So, also, the *Tientsin* report remarks that the wealthy classes at *Peking* having once acquired the taste for Indian opium are not likely to change that taste, the cost being to them a matter of small concern. But the inference is that the present generation of young smokers, beginning perhaps with native opium because it is cheaper, and familiar with its taste, will not change by-and-by to the dearer article, when the generation which smokes the latter has passed away. Moreover, at most of the central and southern ports, where there is, or has been ill recently, a general use of foreign opium, native opium, in increasing proportion, as is evident from the consensus of most of the writers of these reports, is gradually being blended in preparation with foreign opium, and thus its taste is covertly introduced with profit to the seller; and the tendency is towards a greater proportion of native—i.e. cheaper—and a smaller proportion of foreign—i.e. dearer—opium in such a mixture."

It may be added that Mr. H. M. Hillier, Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, in the course of his reply to the Inspector-General's questions, previously referred to, wrote—

"Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. state that the high price of foreign opium which have ruled during the period referred to have possibly contributed towards checking the consumption, but there can be no doubt that the continued and unequal struggle between it and the native drug is to a great extent responsible for it. Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons, & Co. give identically the same reasons. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, & Co., who very obligingly put themselves to some trouble in procuring inquiries, state that the consensus of opinion, from which they see no reason to dissent, is that the decrease in the import of foreign opium is to be attributed to the following causes:—

1.—The large and, as some term it, prohibitory tax levied upon the *Chiaofoo* Convention before the opium is landed, and, thus rendering it too expensive an article to be freely purchased by the Chinese consumer.

2.—That although *Likin* was formerly paid on foreign opium, yet the system upon which *Likin* was then collected did not operate so it is loosely against foreign opium as does the present one, for the reason that there was a certain rivalry between the *Likin* farmers in different districts, who endeavoured by reducing the tax to attract the opium in their direction.

3.—The marked increase in the area planted with the poppy and the improvement in the preparation of the drug by the Chinese.

"It appears to me, from the inquiries that I have myself made, that this last cause, *e.g.*, the increased cultivation and improved manufacture of the native drug, has had more weight than any other in bringing about the decrease in the importation of foreign opium. Native growers and manufacturers are gradually gaining experience, and employing better methods are rapidly assimilating their production, both in strength and flavour, to the foreign article. The native drug pays but a small tax of some 15 to 20 to 25 per picul (it is nominally 15, 43, but reductions are made), when it is not smuggled, and as the quality improves it is evident that foreign opium must give way before it. I am informed on good authority that a considerable quantity of native opium is now sent into the interior as *Malwa*, the inside of each ball of *Malwa* being scooped out and replaced with native opium. Though this deception could not be imposed upon an expert, it is sufficient to take in the country dealers. The fraud is made somewhat easier by the fact that the quality of *Malwa* has, it is said, depreciated from some cause unknown, and it is principally *Malwa* opium that is being superseded by the native drug."

"It is estimated that the districts of *Tang-shan*, *Feng*, *Hsiao-shan*, and *Pei*, in the north of *Kiangnan*, now produce opium of excellent quality, amounting in value annually to 75,000,000; a large quantity of opium of inferior quality is also grown in the neighbouring districts."

"I may add that I have made a point of questioning a number of people as to the effect of the distress in the north of China upon the opium trade here, and I am assured that it has not influenced in the smallest degree the quantity of opium landed and paying duty in Shanghai."

(To be continued.)

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

Sandakan, November 1st.

The Subahan gold fields at *Darvel Bay* are demonstrated to possess alluvial gold in payable quantities. All that appears to be wanted is an influx of Chinese skilled miners to the country. At present none but coolies are working, yet they make \$18, \$24 or \$3 a day when the weather is propitious.

The Borneo Lodge of Harmony gave a ball on October 2nd, at which a topical song in honour of the Craft was sung.

The firm conviction of the *Herald*, with reference to the report that the Rajah of Sarawak was negotiating for the territory of British North Borneo, that the whole idea is rumour and idle talk. If the territory ever changes hands, our contemporary feels convinced that the Imperial Government and no other will be established.

The judgment in the appeal case *Abrahamson v. China Borneo Co.* is against the plaintiff on the ground of damages for wrongful dismissal, but awards him \$7,500 for salary. *Free Press*.

"ON AND AFTER THE 1st DECEMBER."

(VIDE MANY ANNOUNCEMENTS.)

This world is growing older, we are picking up the moon,
As a time-worn ancient planet we shall pose and that full soon;
We are changing the "Gymkhana" to a "job lot" kind of show,
And when people mention racing we are scarce inclined to go;
We are growing rather weary of the far, too far, "Far East";
And are musing that the Christmas month is not the month to feast;
For advertisements and placards knock our ancient ways to bits—
And from December's earliest day we shall lack the charm of "chits."

The thirty scribe who shivers mid scissors and mid paste,
Has little time to slake his fire and little time to waste
In carting round loose dollars in those pockets worn to ease
By the erstwhile constant rubbing of their only contents—keys;
The broker at his jobbing, on a "monkey" oft will dote,
Should you search him on the 30th you could not find a note;
On the first of dear December he'll engage a rickshaw man
To cart the dollars round the town which prove to "beats" a ban,
And then his language, well it might, bring on financial fits,
Unless you're calm, in knowing—he regrets his bygone "chits."

The pilgrim and the stranger land, and fain would "do" Hongkong
They land without their dollars and of "old" it was not wrong,
They could ask Tom, Dick, and Harry to partake of "easy booze,"
(And Thomas, Richard, Henry, were not likely to refuse)
They had only but to sign their name and the drink was on the spot,
And for such a thing as bullion no ion-keeper cared a jot;
But now a ready reckoner—makes the vendor mention "quits,"
As he rings a doubtful dollar—while he holds aloof from "chits."

The great ones at the Club perchance, may drink to-day as then,
When all the world wrote out "chits" and landlords cried "Amen!"
Perchance for them the Christmas bells may ring a happy chime,
But if rough on a "non-clubster" when he hasn't got a dime,
Yes, it is not very solid "peace on earth good will to men,"
When you cannot wield a pencil after having spoiled a pen,
And cribbed a dozen "pars" and tried to strut among the wits,
Then you take a glass of water and you muse on former "chits."

In ancient days the pen they said was mightier than the sword;
Both have done their share of "bores" and, both have many a gallant sword;
But the "pencil," ah! the pencil hath its victims to record—
At *Epton*, *Sandown*, *Goodwood*, they are thick upon "the sword,"
At *Leicester*, *Windsor*, *Ascot*, man has cried "a help me—"
It's a rather curious caper backing lancers on the nod!
And then he writes to "Auntie," shadowed by a host of wits,
While the metallic chuckles o'er the system of the "chits."

So I sit and muse and ponder, and I fancy 'tis not I
Who alone will pine and suffer in the coming by and bye;
There are certain folk whose money in a company is placed,
Who perchance will frown a business frown on "dividends" and "dividends,"
Who perchance will find the box trade is a factor by and bye,
While the "well" who runs a private still will "wink the other eye."

When Directors come to die and haste toward the tropic bars—
At which the scribe serve out the drinks beyond the Christmas stars—
While jorbills peep on earth which these chumish souls have "got,"
Let us hope, though they're no dollars,—not a saint will take a "chit!"

"NARRATIVE."

LABUAN NOTES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

This out-of-the-way corner of the British Empire is at last beginning to show signs of renewed life and prosperity. In proportion as the trade of Sandakan and Kudat decreases, so does that of Labuan increase; and at the present rate the value of the imports and exports will soon reach the figures of ten years ago. Sago appears largely amongst the exports, the prices at present ruling for that article, allowing of the sago forest, on the mainland of Borneo, being worked at a profit.

The success or non-success of the Coal Company, working the seams in the north of the island, will materially affect the future prosperity of this place; but, unhappily, the Company has not been hitherto fortunate in its management, the fact of the matter being that it is "too much" managed, and the Directorate situated at too great a distance to allow of efficient control. The railway which will connect the mines with the harbour is still in an unfinished condition, although the 8 or 9 miles of which it consists have occupied nearly two years' work.

The revenue of the colony shows a respectable surplus, which only goes towards swilling the slender receipts of the Company administering it, instead of being spent for the benefit and improvement of the island. Roads and bridges are deplorably neglected, and those in the town of Victoria share the same fate, with the exception of those over which officialdom is given a free hand to ride or walk. Although the finances of Labuan are in such a flourishing condition, yet there are rumours of new customs duties, and other items looming in the near future, in order that demands may be forthcoming to satisfy the clamorous shareholders of a Chartered Company that has done so little to systematically develop the resources of the territory.

The following novel sentence was passed lately on a native, who was charged with theft of

poultry.—"Five dollars fine or fifteen days' imprisonment is the first requisite and punishment of a supposition of crime a secondary consideration!" It is a sad case for a colony when it is made use of as a sort of mitch-cow, which seems to be the policy of the British North Borneo Co., and it will be a happy time for Labuan when it again comes under the rule of the British crown or finds a less impetuous master.—*Singapore Free Press*.

SIAM NOTES.

Bangkok, 18th November, 1893.

On Thursday his Majesty, attended by the Court, made the annual visitation to the tombs of his ancestors of this dynasty.

The *Borneo* on Thursday brought up the Governor of Siam's son-in-law and his family. They had with them \$35,000 and a gold-and-silver tree as tribute for his Majesty.

Mr. Robins, Secretary of the Royal Railway Department, has left for London to appoint an arbitrator in the dispute between the Department and Mr. Murray Campbell.

We are informed that Messrs. Che Sue Luen, Tong Ben, Keng Yoo, and Boe Oi have purchased a piece of land near the Catholic Cemetery, for use as a Chinese Cemetery. The charitable action cost them Tcs. 4,800.

We understand that Mr. Mitchell has decided to drop the action for damages brought by a Chinese against Mr. Maclellan, as a shareholder in the Tramway Company. Mr. Tilke challenged him to state a test case, and he said he'd rather not.

No notice of appeal having been given regarding the interlocutory order refusing the grant of a commission in the libel suit *Jaquymys v. Little* unless defendant gave security for costs, Mr. Tilke, on behalf of the plaintiff, moved in the Court on the hearing, which was done. It will be heard on the 30th inst.

The Chinese boatwreck of the steamship *Despatch*, who was charged with complicity in smuggling a large quantity of opium, was again brought on before Mr. French on the 16th inst. Mr. Tilke, for the Opium Farm, pointed out that the evidence already before the Court clearly pointed to the defendant's complicity, though he might not have taken a very prominent part in the smuggling, and he should be adjudged equally guilty with the storekeeper, who is evading arrest. His Honor fixed the accused 100 dollars and costs, till 17th, which were promptly paid.

On Wednesday his Majesty presented round boxes, silver gilt, and oblong boxes with the inscription of the Jubilee medal on the cover, to the Princesses, the ladies of the Palace, and the wives of some of the officials. These ladies will also receive the order of the *Rasada Petch Maha*, on the 24th December. On the latter date the *Triphitaka*, consisting of 84,000 characters of Buddhist lore translated into Siamese, will be taken in grand procession by the priests.—*Siam Observer*.

KIUKIANG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Kiukiang, November 21st.

The British despatch-boat *Albatross*, with Admiral Fremantle on board, arrived to-day. She leaves tomorrow for Hankow, and is expected to leave that port for Shanghai on or about the 24th, arriving about the 3rd prox.

The French gun-boat *Lion* left here to-day for Wuhu.

It is with regret I have to record the death of Mr. H. J. Panton, late of the Imperial Maritime Customs service of this port, which sad event took place yesterday. Deceased was only 36 years of age. He had been ailing for some months, but his death was not expected. A portion of the funeral service was conducted in St. Paul's Church by the Rev. Mr. Banbury; afterwards the coffin was conveyed to the cemetery where the remainder of the service was read. A large number of friends attended.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, for *Rickets*, *Marasmus* and all wasting disorders of children, is very remarkable in its results. The rapidly with which children gain flesh and strength upon it is very wonderful. Read the following:—"I have tried 'Scott's Emulsion' in cases of wasting in young children, and I am of opinion that it is a valuable preparation for such cases. The children take it and ask for more, and the good effects are apparent. I consider it far superior to ordinary Cod Liver Oil."—J. MARSHALL, M.R.C.S. &c., 145, Grace Road, Birmingham, S.E. Any Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—(Advt.)

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Falcner & Co.'s Register.)

Thermometer	Thermometer
Barometer—5 a.m.	59.75
Barometer—1 p.m.	59.75
Thermometer—5 a.m.	59.75
Thermometer—1 p.m.	59.75
Thermometer—5 a.m. (Wet bulb)	59.75
Thermometer—1 p.m. (Wet bulb)	59.75
Thermometer—5 a.m. (Dry bulb)	59.75
Thermometer—1 p.m. (Dry bulb)	59.75
Thermometer—5 a.m. (Wet night)	59.75
Thermometer—1 p.m. (Wet night)	59.75
Thermometer—5 a.m. (Dry night)	59.75
Thermometer—1 p.m. (Dry night)	59.75

To-day's Advertisements.

A GRAND LIVING WAX WORK EXHIBITION, will be held at "LA HACIENDA," Mount KILKEE, THE PEAK, in Aid of ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH NEW ORGAN FUND, ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 9th December, From 3 to 5.30 o'clock.

The Band of the Shroton Light Infantry by kind permission of Colonel ROBINSON and Officers, will play a selection of Music. Tickets at each can be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., and the Rev. A. GURNEY GOLDSMITH. Special Trains will be run during the afternoon, and the Managers of the Tramway Co. have kindly offered to grant to those of tickets for the above Exhibition a reduced fare of 50 cents for the return trip. Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1297]

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."
Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1293]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"ETHIOPE."
Captain Wankel, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 6th December.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1294]

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CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.
Also
Rattan Cots, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and Sundries of all kinds.
Hongkong, 28th November 1893. [1295]

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at Pedder's Wharf, EVERY EVENING from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock.

PRICE.....TEN CENTS.
Copies ordered from the Office will be charged the usual rate—25 cents.

Advertisers are reminded that the *Hongkong Telegraph* has by far the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East. THIS IS GUARANTEED. Termination application.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

Intimations.

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AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.
Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars and Cuffs renewed on old ones.
Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.
The Superiores will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [491]

THE PHARMACY,
15, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.
FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.
Telephone No. 74.
FLETCHER & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1244]

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LION BRAND
ANTI-PYRINE.
(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS THREE TIMES.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

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To be had at every reputable Chemist and Druggist.
Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China.
Beware of spurious imitations.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1894. [1296]

To-day's Advertisements.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

IN OUR GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT WILL BE FOUND A LARGE SELECTION OF DANCING PUMPS.

KID GLOVES (in Lavender and White).
DRESS TIES (all Shapes).
CHAIR RUGS AND CUSHIONS.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.,
J. P. COTTAM,
Managing Partner.
1 to 7, D'Aguiar Street,
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1296]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. The TABLE D'HOT, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.
THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.
NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.
R. TUCKER
Manager.
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Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

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The only remedy which has been found effectual in securing immunity from the attacks of Mosquitoes and other venomous insects.

By burning one of SOUTHALL'S MOSQUITO CONES in a room before going to bed,

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 1st December, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [1283]

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, will be held in the MASONIC HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 29th December, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1893. [1292]

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